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Addendum to Health and Safety Plan: 2020-21 School Year

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The Upper Dauphin Area School District has made the following changes to its Health and Safety Plan: 2020-21 School Year. This addendum modifies and supersedes applicable sections of the original plan dated July 10, 2020. This addendum is based on additional guidance provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and other sources issued since the original plan was released.

Face Coverings

The original plan stated that the UDASD would require face coverings for staff and students when within three to six feet proximity of other students and staff. That has been modified as follows: the UDASD will require face coverings within six feet proximity of other students and staff. The intent of the UDASD is still minimize the use of face coverings when seated at desks in classrooms and have worked to space classrooms at appropriate distances (six feet). However, the UDASD will require face coverings when students leave their seats within the classroom or when teachers and paraprofessionals are walking around the room to provide instruction and assistance to students. Through proper social distancing of classroom desks and teacher areas, the UDASD intends to provide students with the opportunity to remove face coverings as much as possible while still allowing for activities that due to their nature require face coverings to be worn. This hybrid approach to the classroom will be managed by each teacher based on the needs of each grade-level and/or course.

Classroom and Common Area Social Distancing

The original plan called for practical social distancing which was defined as three to six feet. The UDASD has been able to achieve social distancing of six feet in all cafeterias and in a large majority of classrooms based on current expected enrollments.

Confirmed Cases

The original plan stated that exposure to someone who has COVID-19 will not in and of itself keep students and staff from coming to school unless exhibiting symptoms. This is being modified to state that students and staff that come into direct contact (less than six feet and more than fifteen minutes) with someone who has a COVID-19 case confirmed through testing must quarantine as if they have a confirmed case themselves. The only exception are nurses who are considered frontline workers and will be wearing appropriate personal protective equipment.

Career and Technical Education Programs

Certain courses within the Career and Technical Education Program will only be provided in-person. The UDASD's intent is to provide seamless integration between in-person instruction and enhanced remote



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education. However, for a subset of the courses required within the Career and Technical Education Program, hands-on, in-person instruction is so integral to the completion of the course that providing a remote education component is not what is best for the student's educational outcomes. Consequently, those courses will only be offered in an in-person format. Students who decide to take any of the hands on courses identified as being in-person only must choose in-person instruction for all courses. If the student still wishes to participate in the Enhanced Remote Education Program, the student will need to choose different electives.

Faculty Rooms

The original plan stated that the UDASD recommends that teachers limit interaction and that they eat in their classrooms in small pods rather than the faculty room. While this still applies, there will be exceptions made for teachers whose classroom is being used for classes during their lunch period. Teachers in this situation will be allowed to be in the faculty room up to a maximum of four teachers per lunch period. Teachers are also allowed to come to the faculty room to use the microwaves and refrigerators as needed as long as face coverings are worn.